Non-utilisation of Calcutta port

@3466. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'metal scraps' required for the industries in and around Calcutta are not being imported through the Calcutta Port; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such non-utilisation of the nearest port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) It is a fact that industries in the eastern region including those in and around Calcutta whose requirements of imported steel melting scrap are met by the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation prefer import of scrap through ports other than Calcutta.

(b) The user industries find it uneconomical to accept scrap imported through Calcutta port. The sellers generally quote higher prices for cargo despatched to Calcutta port because only smaller vessels with limited draft can be accepted. Larger vessels have to partially unload in other ports. Both these factors result in higher freight charges and thus higher CIF prices for actual users as compared to cargo imported through other ports.

Cadre review in CPWD

3467. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of discontentment, prevailing among Group 'C' and 'D' staff (Ministerial, Drawing and Class IV) of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) due to non-implementation of Cadre Review with effect from 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that Junior Engineers of CPWD has resorted to direct action on the above issue during 1987; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct Cadre review for Group 'C' and 'D' staff of CPWD during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Govt. instructions for conducting periodic Cadre Review of Group 'C' and 'D' staff were issued for the first time in November, 1987, only. Therefore there is no question of implementation of cadre review of these groups w.e.f. 1.1.86. A few representations have been received from the Association representing these groups in this regard.

(b) The Junior Engineers of CPWD had gone on an indefinite strike during July-August, 1987 in furtherance of a number of demands, cadre review being one among these demands.

(c) The Cadre Review Committee constituted for under taking the Cadre Review of Group 'C' and 'D' staff of CPWD. have submitted its report. No target date can be fixed for finalisation of the Cadre Review proposal as the matter requires consideration in consultation with the other Ministries/Departments.

Boundary wall in Shantiniketan, New Delhi

3468. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on providing a boundary wall with iron railing to the 3.7 acres of land comprising of children Park/Playground allotted to Sadhu Vaswani Mission School, Shantiniketan, New Delhi-21; and

(b) the authority by whom the expenditure therefor was borne, the sanction accorded and the Head of Account to which it was debited?

@Previously Unstarred Question, 2596, Transferred from 16th Decembtr, 1991.